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Subject: Please do NO Gaza Resolution

Hello Yolo County Supervisors,

My name is Harriet Gadisman. I have been living in Davis since 1984. I voted for you!

On October 7, 2023, 2,200 Israeli civilians were murdered, raped, and tortured. To put things into perspective, the October 7, 2023 Hamas massacre is equivalent to the killing of 40,000 Americans or 13 times the magnitude of the 9/11 terrorist attack. Hamas also kidnapped men, women, and children—even babies, into Gaza. Most of them are still captives there.

Israel cannot have a ceasefire until they have rooted out Hamas. There is no country on Earth that would have endured that sort of attack without trying to safeguard its borders.

Please do not take up a ceasefire resolution. These resolutions sow division and create a platform for antisemitism here in Yolo County. The messages of the extremist demonstrators do not align with American values. Hamas is recognized by our government as a terrorist organization. It can be glorified by some groups that have been misled and misinformed. Some have powerfully convinced young people on social media to attempt to strip Israel of the basic right to self-defense that every nation has.

Such resolutions are useless and are designed to promote antisemitism. They agitate the community. Most studies demonstrate that the vast majority of the American public supports Israel in this war against terror. While we all want hostilities to end, just 20% of Americans believe in an unconditional ceasefire **that does not include removing Hamas** from power and freeing all the hostages. Please do not waste public resources on this divisive, time consuming, and pointless exercise.

In Oakland, CA, the City Council considered a resolution on the Israel/Hamas War. The meeting featured over five hours of public comment plagued by antisemitic jeering and the perpetuation of revolting and dangerous conspiracy theories.

On December 12, 2023, City Council of Davis made the same mistake of bringing forward a resolution regarding the Hamas/Israeli war, over the protest of the Jewish community. Extremist groups advertised the meeting outside of Davis and transported their members from the Bay Area and Sacramento to Davis to flood the City Hall chambers. The meeting took five hours and the resulting resolution did nothing to alleviate the suffering of Palestinians and Israelis abroad. **Instead, it split an already divided community further and created a platform for antisemitism and bigotry.** It was an extremely painful event for the Jewish community in Davis and pitted neighbor against neighbor. Do not make this mistake in Yolo County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Do not bring forth a Gaza resolution.

Harriet Gadisman

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